

your counties, and start asking questions about signing ballots or not signing ballots, folding ballots or not folding ballots, operating the scanners versus not operating the scanners, counting over counts, counting under counts, you will find that there's about 93 different election systems that took place back in November, and not one election. We do have a system out there that is not functioning as effectively as it could. It almost broke down in a couple of different races last year. And who's to say that will not happen again. People were saying, after the Democratic primary for Governor, and the recount and all the problems came out, they were saying, oh yeah, there are problems, we're never going to have another election that close. Six months later we had another one that was that close. Worse thing that could happen in our state would be for our election system to break down, and for us...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...not to have the confidence that those of us holding these positions are the ones that the people actually chose. I think it's very important that we put the faith of the people, and the faith of this body, and the faith of the election officials back behind our election process. And that's what I think the Conway amendment to this bill does. And I'd urge you to advance this bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I have a question for Senator Warner, if he would yield. Whoops, he's gone.

SPEAKER BAACK: I don't see Senator Warner, Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Kristensen, would you yield as a substitute to Senator Warner?

SPEAKER BAACK: Is this a size substitute, or...(laughter). Senator Kristensen, you...I'm sorry, Senator Kristensen. Senator Kristensen, would you yield, please.

SENATOR LAMB: My question has to do with the const...with the Attorney General's Opinion which is in the Journal today, requested by Senator Warner. And I'm wondering, in your opinion, have the amendments that have been adopted made the